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Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your classified message of 7 November 1947 bringing us up to date on your activities and informing us briefly of some of the difficulties you are having. If you can find the time, we would like to hear from you a little more often. We have absolute confidence in your ability to carry on without any advice from us, but we are very interested in knowing as nearly as we can what progress you are making.

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Apparently you are having some difficulties which, it appears, we may not be able to do very much about. However, [REDACTED] is taking the necessary action to confirm the application of the document you mentioned to the newly designated Department of Air. This is still in the negotiation stage, but I anticipate within a day or two that a message will be dispatched confirming the application of this document.

Some of the reluctance to welcome us to this island may possibly come from a lack of appreciation of the contribution that we now make and plan to make in the future to national intelligence. I suggest that you emphasize this in your discussions with local officials, especially the point that we are a common service making our product available to all government intelligence agencies and that the Army, Air Forces, Navy and State Department alike benefit equally from our organization.

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It is my understanding that Lieutenant General Ennis Whitehead is in command of the Air Forces under General MacArthur and that Major General Thomas White (no relation) is deputy under General Whitehead. I am informed that both General Whitehead and General White are intensely interested in and appreciative of intelligence problems. I also understand that they are constantly making trips around that general area. If they should come to [REDACTED] and the opportunity should present itself to present your problem to them, I think that you should do so. Of course this should be done in such a manner as not to offend the local Commanding General in any respect whatsoever.

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I assume that your tests will be completed in the not too distant future and that you will be returning to [REDACTED] I will attempt to have your travel orders ordering you from [REDACTED] to Washington waiting for you when you arrive. Please let me know if there is any particular deadline you would like for me to make. I know that you are anxious to get home for Christmas and it is certainly my plan that you will do so.

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Regards to [REDACTED] and we all here have every confidence in the job that we know both of you will do.

Sincerely,

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